

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Cummington

Green Burial Permit

Fees - Board of Health Green Burial Fees are posted on the Town of Cummington Website and were updated in 2019 to include the \$100 fee for initial setup and first use. Additional burials are \$50 for each subsequent plot.

Green Burial Regulation Requirements - Steps required to establish a cemetery on private land (family cemetery) include an initial authorization for the establishment of the family cemetery. Additional authorization is required for each subsequent burial. The initial setup and first use of a cemetery on private land is \$100, and permits for subsequent plots on the same property are \$50.00. Burial must be at least 150 feet from private water supply, and 150 feet from the property line, no embalming or chemical treatment is permitted.

Written approval must be obtained from the Board of Health. The exact location of each burial must be noted on a survey or accurate map and submitted to the Registry of Deeds for inclusion on the property record (include book and age). Additionally a Determination of Applicability form must be filed with the DEP Wetlands Commission.

Required Inspections - The Board of Health with consultation with The Conservation Commission must inspect the burial site before written approval is granted.